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MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL H. A. CRAIG, OPD
MAJOR GENERAL E. R. QUESADA, AAF
MAJOR GENERAL W. G. WYMAN, AGF
COLONEL J. M. ROAMER, ASF
BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN MAGRUDER, SSU

SUBJECT: Committee to Study War Department Intelligence
Activities.

1. Mr. Lovett has directed me to inform you that the preliminary report of the Committee, dated 3 November 1945, has been approved by the Secretary of War.

2. Mr. Lovett has also advised that a new Committee will be appointed to consider intelligence reorganization within the Army and War Department.

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REPORT OF THE LOVETT COMMITTEE

The committee took its duties very seriously and was ready with its preliminary report scarcely a week after it had first been convened. The fact that its reasoned conclusions could be unanimously presented in such a brief time is an indication of the degree to which the idea of a centralized intelligence service had gained acceptance.

A close comparison of the committee's recommendations with the final proposal of the Secretaries to the President and the Presidential directive establishing the NIA is well worth while. A major and very important difference appears where the committee recommends that the Central Intelligence Agency should be supported by an independent budget. The Secretaries recommended that funds should be drawn from the various departments, and ~~that~~ recommendation was implicitly carried out in the Presidential directive. This ~~rather unwise~~ provision was the result of a compromise with a very different plan presented by Alfred McCormack, Special Assistant to the Secretary of State. His plan is included in this collection immediately following the report of the Lovett Committee.